Back to basketball A spinal cord surgery didn't stop Wally Judge; he's ready to return to the court. See Page 3.



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TREASURE CHEST

Student promotes breast cancer research

Junior uses Facebook to sell T-shirts, plans to dye hair pink for six months if she raises \$10K

Michael Sellman

People nationwide saw a great deal of pink during October, breast cancer awareness month, but one student is trying to keep pink in view for at least one more month.

Dara Strathman, junior in criminology, and journalism and mass communications, is trying to raise \$10,000 by Dec. 1 to support breast cancer research. Strathman said when she reaches her goal, she plans to dye her hair pink for six months.

"I just woke up one day and I thought, 'OK, I want to do this," Strathman said. "It just hit me. This is what I want to do. I think people would ask me, 'why do you have pink hair?' Well, I raised \$10,000 for breast cancer awareness and I'm just trying to get the word out so I can tell other people about it. If people are aware of what's going on with any kind of cancer, they can help someone more, and maybe more women that are aware of it can get

Strathman started her fundraising two weeks ago, selling T-shirts through Facebook for \$10 each. Half of each purchase goes toward the T-shirt, and the other half goes directly to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

"I'm also going to try to have many other fundraisers such as a silent auction, a spaghetti dinner and I'm still working on a lot of other ideas," Strathman said.

Strathman has been working alone, but she said she is getting ideas from other people. Though she's been involved with Relay for Life for 10 years, this type of money-raising endeavor is a first for her.

In the last two weeks, she has sold about 100 shirts over Facebook and made over \$1,000 so far. She has also been distributing fliers and speaking on the radio. Strathman said she will be on WIBW Topeka next Wednesday to talk

about her endeavor. "I have a lot of friends whose parents have had breast cancer, so it's just a really devastating thing to see and so I decided it would be an awesome cause," Strathman said. "I didn't really have any family members with it until two weeks into my fundraising and one of my family members was diagnosed with it, a cousin, so it makes me even more motivated."

Strathman said that she wanted to do this in November because she thought as people focused on breast



Dara Strathman stands in front of her fundraising sign. Strathman said she will continue to try to raise money for breast cancer awareness even if she does not reach her \$10,000 goal in December.

cancer awareness through October, they may tend to focus on other things in November. Raising money for breast cancer awareness after October would be a good way to keep it fresh in people's minds, Strathman said.

"I think a lot of people take it for granted that they'll never get cancer," Strathman said. "If they don't get checked and then they do get it, some-

times it's too late or it's a lost cause." A friend of Strathman has provided

support on the fundraiser. T think what Dara is doing is awesome," said Ashlee Huffman, senior in business finance. "I know everyone has

been affected by cancer in some way or another, and we should all work together to find a cure."

If Strathman does not meet her

\$10,000 goal by Dec. 1, she plans to keep fundraising as long as it takes. She said she is looking for more vol-

unteers to help with handing out fliers and other tasks.

"It's such a devastating disease, and it needs to be done away with," she posted on Facebook. Strathman said her Facebook page, entitled "Dara's Race for Breast Cancer Awareness," is the best way to contact her for information about the fundraiser and donating.

CITY COMMISSION

New Sunset Zoo building contract to be discussed

Fire Department requests limitation of gameday parking on Hillview Drive

Danny Davis senior staff writer

City commissioners will consider awarding a contract for the Sunset Zoo at tonight's meeting. The city partnered with WDM Architects to draft a design for an Education and Entry building for the zoo. The concept of the building originated in 2005 and was used on the 2009 sales tax ballot.

The 10-year, 0.05 percent sales tax increase that began Oct. 1, 2009, is the primary source of funding for the build-

Bids on the design were opened in March, but the lowest bid went above the architect's opinion of probable cost by more than \$1,000,000. The city, therefore, rejected all the bids and had WDM, along with the city administration, redesign

the building.

A large factor of the original high bids was the land the building would occupy. The land has a lot of rock, which would have to be removed for structural reasons.

The city also aimed for LEED, Leadership in Energy and Envi-ronmental Design, certification for the building. Contractors said some of the building's features for this certification would add significant cost to the con-

struction. For the redesign, the city and WDM worked to maintain the original amount of educational space and the appearance of the

building.

The commission will also discuss another street that may receive a football "Gamedays Only" parking limitation. Hill-view Drive from St. Christopher Circle to College Avenue has been requested by the Manhattan Fire Department to have parking restrictions.

Several streets within the city already have this designation including Hobbs Drive, Vaughn Drive and Ranser Road.

The city has designated "Gamedays Only" parking several times recently. In 2004, nine streets received the designation, and three streets received it in

The City Commission meets in City Hall at 7 p.m. and is open to the public.

Voting possible through precise preparation

County clerk officials follow system to set up today's polling stations

Cooper Mach junior staff writer

Some may say that precision is often lost on today's society, that oftentimes people settle for "good enough" instead. This attitude of precision, however, is not lost with the workers and volunteers in the Manhattan County Clerk's office who will run today's election.

County Elections Supervisor Jolene Keck and her staff have been working nonstop since the last round of elections, preparing for today.

You're always going from one election to the next," said Rich Vargo, Riley County clerk and election official.

While people spend a matter of minutes in the voting booth filling out their ballots, the work behind their voting experience

is extensive. The county abuzz morning, and the need for precision and accuracy hung over the

building at 110 Courthouse Plaza like a morn-

ing fog.

Keck was handed a satellite image of a voting site with a yellow circle surrounding the precise location of the polls. Voting machine locations had been changed within the site, she said, and campaign materials are not permitted within 250 feet of the polls.

Precision is the name of the game.

Keck walked upstairs to check on the state of the advanced voting booths. A vol-unteer handed her a sticky note with an update on how many people voted that morning.

It was not a ballpark esti-

mate, but a precise number: 58 to be exact. Keck said it was a relatively slow voting day, but the number of advanced voters across the board has increased from the 2006 election. Keck then took members of

her staff over to "the other building" just across the courthouse

There, they were met with a

stark white room and 32 black crates on folding tables, the precise number of polling sites in the Riley County area. Each crate contained the necessary materials for a polling site's supervisor judge to run an efficient voting location.

Next, Keck led a crew of three staffers into a back room of the old building. They entered a room with five eight-foot folding tables. At first, the room's shelves seemed to be cluttered with all sorts of wires and equipment, but then it became clear that everything was in its precise

The four women in the room went to work with robot-like precision, checking the 32 black boxes on the table to make sure all the supplies were there and all

the location labels match up. "Everything has to be triple-

quadruple checked," Keck said. "And then you check it again tomorrow," said Susie Brown, administrative assistant for the county clerk's office. After fitting all the supplies in

"Everything has to the crew began clerk's office was be triple-quadruple to zip-tie them shut. Each zip-tie had a recorded serial number to

the correct boxes,

Jolene Keck, ensure nothing county elections supervisor was

checked"

tampered with. The efficient assembly line continued as each small black box was taken back to the white room and placed in front of the

black crates. The paper ballots arrived just in case someone would not want to use the iVotronic electronic voting machines.

The team decided to take a lunch break, and Keck continued to talk elections on the way back to her office. She said she would be in the office at 5:15 a.m. today and will finally be able to relax and take a deep breath when she leaves sometime around midnight. But nearly before she can catch her breath, it will be on to preparing for the next round of

When voters exercise their constitutional right to vote today, they will benefit from the work the county elections staff put in before a single person reaches the polls. It seems as if the County Elec-

local elections.

tions office has everything covered, and that is precisely how Keck wants it.

Younger voters unlikely to turn out in election

Generation not "connected" in politics, chooses not to vote

Austin Enns senior staff writer

Today, millions of people across the state and the nation will go to the polls to cast a ballot in support of their preferred candidates. Millions more sent in absentee ballots, but as with every election, there are questions about whether younger voters will turn out to vote.

Even though the younger generation can be a potent voting block, many of those voters choose not to vote, said Joseph Aistrup, professor of political science and interim associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"Typically, there is a life cycle that goes with voting, and that cycle is that young voters tend to be less engaged and are less likely to turn out unless there are issues that affect them," Aistrup said. "I think there are a variety of different things that can come in to motivate younger voters, but this year, they tend to be back in their shell."

Aistrup said younger voters are even less likely to vote in mid-term elections than in a presidential election even though the candidates at the state and county will still affect them more then a presidential candidate would.

Jedd Russell, freshman in marketing, said he was apathetic toward the elections

this year. "Érankly, really just don't care about politics and really don't c a r e about a Russell already busy enough

lot of the issues," said. "I'm with school and with all my activi-

ties and organizations so it's not really worth it to take extra time out to try and place a vote when in the grand scheme of things it's not going to matter that much."

Russell said even though he said he knows his vote would not matter, he would vote in a presidential election because the president has more power to make a difference in the

James Franke, associate professor of political science, said young people were not as likely to vote because they were not as likely to be linked to a political

faction.
"They're not as connected to the system, have more things to they lack an attachm e n t

political party," Franke said. "If people are courtesy photo attached, they will be exposed to more information and be

more likely to turn out." Sean Buchanan, junior in political science, was a delegate for Barack Obama to the Democratic National Convention in 2008, and said he saw voting as a civic duty because of its ability

Buchanan also said he disagreed with the idea that young people do not need to vote because their vote does not have an impact.

to affect his daily life.

more," Buchanan said. "I think everybody should feel the same duty to our country. It's the most patriotic thing you can do, in my opinion." Not everybody makes a decision to vote based on their vote's impact, however. Franke

said some students just find

themselves too busy to find the

time to register or get a mail-in-

"Makes my vote matter

Andrew Haynes, freshman in animal sciences and industry, said he saw voting as important, but he did not have the time to research the politicians in order to make an informed decision.

"I don't really know anything about the candidates," Haynes said. "I've just been pretty busy just one of those things I'll definitely do in the future, just not this election."

Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Those who do not know where to vote can go to maps.google.com/vote and type in their home address to find a voting location.

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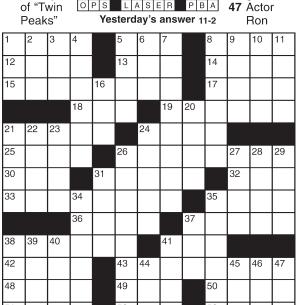
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Yesterday's answer 11-2



Logan's Run | By Erin Logan







THE BLOTTER

ARREST REPORTS

SATURDAY

Audrey Dawn Bowman, of the 1000 block of Laramie Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Paul Jacob Burghart, of the 700 block of Lee Street, was booked for criminal trespassing. Bond was set at \$750.

Robert J. Conger, of Plano, Texas, was booked for criminal trespassing. Bond was set at

Beth Ann Crozier-Dodson, of Riley, Kan., was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Heidi Maree James, of Fort Riley, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Blakelund Vincent Moroney, of the 1200 block of Fremont Street, was booked for disorderly conduct and criminal trespassing. Bond was set at \$750.

Willis Virgil Parrish, of Ogden, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$500.

Elisha Valentine Pfeiffer, of Milford, Kan., was booked for reckless driving. Bond was set at

SUNDAY

Redha Raed N Al Matar, of the 2200 block of Prairie Glen Place, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Darrell Lucas Keener, of Garden City, Kan., was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.

Michael Alan Miles, of Lawrence, was booked for obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$750.

Deairio Pushun Starks, of Junction City, was booked for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

Michael Harrison Washburn, of Marlatt Hall, was booked for obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$750.

Theodore Wooten Jr., of the 2000 block of Fort Riley Boulevard, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Michael Ernest Dow, of Fort Riley, was booked for failure to yield to blind pedestrian and pedestrian failure to yield to an emergency vehicle. Bond was set at \$500.

Joseph Abraham Geske, of the 6000 block of Tuttle Terrace, was booked for criminal damage to property. Bond was set at

Veronica Nadine Marin, of the 600 block of Osage Street, was booked for forgery, identity fraud, unlawful use of a license and two counts of theft. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Kylie Elaine Miller, of the 1400 block of Hartman Place, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at

Daniel Lee Rutz, of Enterprise, Kan., was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

MONDAY

Andre Marquis Payne, of the 700 block of Allen Road, was booked for obstruction of the legal process and disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Michael Corey Powers, of Ogden, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

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POLICE REPORTS

Tiara Williams

A local business reported property stolen and damaged over the Halloween weekend, totaling a loss of \$4,200, ac-

Business reports burglary

cording to a report from Riley County Police Department. Lt. Herb Crosby of the RCPD said someone broke into Manhattan Motors, locat-

ed at 1826 Tuttle Creek Blvd.

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Crosby said \$1,000 worth of miscellaneous tools, an HP laptop valued at \$1,500 and a Sony digital camera valued at \$200 were all missing from the shop.

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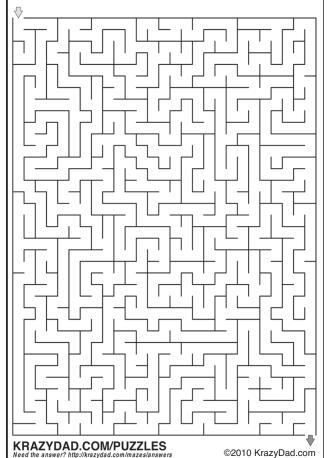
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Judge comes back from spine surgery; has lots to prove, tools to do so

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It is said a person should be judged by how he deals with adversity. Wally Judge has done quite a bit of that recently, but after a pressurized first year of college basketball and surgery on his spinal cord during the summer, the sophomore forward is ready for the season. He's better than ever — in more ways than one.

Probably the most obvious reason to believe in Judge's potential for a great second year is he is finally healthy. When he played in the McDonald's All-American game back in high

school, he fell down and suffered numbness in his hands, said K-State head Frank coach Martin. It went away for a while, and the doctors at K-State looked Judge over and did not feel he was at any risk. But as the team got deeper into spring after Judges season with the

team, that discomfort came back, and he couldn't play basketball the way he was accus-

tomed to playing.

He felt weaker. He could not lift as much as he had been able to before, and on plays where his athleticism would normally take him above the rim, he found himself having to lay the ball in. One day in practice, he went up to dunk and felt his legs give out. That's when he knew it was a real problem, and upon inspection from the K-State staff as well as specialists, Judge learned he would have surgery.

Two weeks into the summer, Judge went to the University of

Kansas Medical Center to have the operation, which would basically modify a narrow pathway in part of the spine that had been putting pressure on some of his nerves. Now a horizontal scar — parallel to Judge's big smile as he talks about how cool it is — runs across the player's neck, a reminder of a former weakness, he said.

"They went in through the front, actually pushed some things aside — to be kind of gory — shaved some bone back, and I've got a plate in there with six screws," Judge said.

Of course, that kind of procedure meant a lot of Jell-O and applesauce, which wasn't

the best thing in the world, Judge said. He ended up beating the usual recovery timeline by several weeks and admitted to coming into Bramlage even when he was not supposed to be back yet to work on his mid-

Wally Judge, range jump shot. Sophomore forward Judge's teammate and room-

mate Nick Russell said he could tell Judge was in a lot of pain before the surgery and that having the procedure helped him out a lot. After it was finished, though, Judge had trouble being off the court.

"He was anxious," Russell said. "It was hurting him. He wanted to get out there. He wanted to get out there bad, like

When the roommates would return home from practice, Judge would tell Russell how he hated watching everyone play and not being able to do so also. But as Judge himself said, there is a learning curve with every-

playing basketball and come in here and watch my teammates work out hard every day and put out the effort when I couldn't really help," Judge said. "The main part of my recovery was I had to be a team player and learn how to cheer my teammates on at times when they needed me and even when they didn't need me - times when they wanted me to shut up. It's been great. Our staff made sure that I was able to come back and be stronger than what I was.'

Judge said he is leg-pressing much more weight than he could before the surgery. Russell said he is moving better and more quickly. Fellow forward Jamar Samuels said Judge has become a lot stronger and is a force down low.

There's another reason to hold high hopes for Judge this year. In addition to being stronger, Judge is also wiser about basketball after a year in the K-State program.

"He knows what to do now," Russell said. "He knows when the shot goes up to be opposite inside. He knows what plays to do; he knows what moves to make. He knows when to duck in, he knows when to screen, things like that."

Judge still watches the Butler game, the final loss of last season, almost every week. In doing so, he learns how not to make those little mistakes so the team can get the win, he said, and since last season, Judge has become smarter on the court. He said he has been able to slow down and think about the game instead of just using his athleticism and out-jumping or outplaying opponents. At times, he reverts to the young kid and speeds up, but he said the coaches always put him back where he needs to be.

Coming in as a five-star re-cruit and having played AAU



Sophomore forward **Wally Judge** dunks against Baylor in the Big 12 tournament March 13 at the Sprint Center in Kansas City.

basketball with DC Assault, former team of one-and-done star Michael Beasley as well as other K-Staters, Judge faced high expectations as a fresh-

But as much as Judge wanted to make an impact on the team and become a leader, he first had to learn how to follow, he said. Last year was a building stage, Judge said, and one that taught him the things he needed to learn, so in the future he can become a leader. While he did feel pressure to meet the expectations, Judge said he does not regret having that added weight

his first year in college. "I wouldn't have rather had it any other way because that taught me a lot," Judge said. "Being expected a lot of so early, and being at times I felt like I had to be forced to perform, I had to try to make myself more than what I was. But like I said, everything's a learning curve, and it taught me how to be patient and never really think about the expectations people have for you."

It took a rivalry game televised on College Gameday in Manhattan for Judge to let go of the expectations and the pressure and to just concentrate on

"Before the game, I sat and I thought to myself, and the thing I kept saying to myself is, 'Just play," Judge said. "So after that game, I let myself play, and I just tried to keep myself at ease for the rest of the season and continue to just take the games easy, just play."

Since Big 12 Conference coaches voted K-State as the preseason No. 1 team, the expectations are far from over. But that may not be a bad thing; Martin expects more from his team, and the players expect more of each other. As far as Judge specifically, he said he trusts his teammates to not let him slip — or that when he slips, they're going to pick him

"If you want to be the best, you can never be at ease, so the pressure's still on," Judge said. We've got to push through it and live up to whatever people expect of us and be better than

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Eddie Hedges SOPHOMORE, COMPUTER INFORMATION

"I'm not, because I already voted. I did the send-in ballot."



Starr Price
SOPHOMORE, ANIMAL SCIENCE

"No, because I don't follow politics — because I don't think I should if I don't know who the candidates are."



Morgan Johnson JUNIOR, ENGLISH

"No, because I'd rather not vote; I'm not educated enough on the candidates."



Becky GomezJUNIOR, BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

"Yes, I am. If I'm given the right to vote, I should use it."



Matt Cotton SENIOR, HISTORY





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To learn more about tomorrow's elections, check out today's front page.

HALE NO

Social network junkies abuse library computer use



I can't speak for every member of the purple nation, but as of late, folks, I'm annoyed — go figure. Yet again, I feel as though simple common courtesy has been thrown out the window, this time to fuel the social networking addiction of our student body and there is nothing I can do to fix it.

Every time I walk into Hale Library, I see students surfing the Web, checking Facebook and Twitter, not working on anything serious and taking up just about every available computer, when all I need is a printer. Is there something we can do about this?

Sara Kearns, associate professor at Hale Library, said she thinks there is very little the library staff could do about this problem, especially because of how people use social networking sites in today's society.

"This semester, I have taught classes about using Facebook, Twitter, Flickr and other sites when researching ad campaigns, communication strategies and interest groups," Kearns said. "Some classes and departments have Facebook pages to communicate between faculty, staff and students. Students looking for jobs are also encouraged to explore social networks. It is nearly impossible, just from seeing the Facebook logo on the screen, to determine why someone is using Facebook."

Kearns, who is also the head of undergraduate and community services at the library, said kicking



students off the computers for their Web activity might go against a librarian's ethical practices.

"Librarians are invested in people finding and accessing the information they need," she said. "We're never going to walk up to someone and ask why they are reading a book, and we're not going to walk up and ask why they are looking at a particular website."

Point taken, but is it ethical to let students abuse the system? I think what Hale Library should do is take a page from the public library here in Manhattan, which has time limits on how long patrons can use a computer. Most libraries have them; why not ours? Yes, setting a time limit might inconvenience students who want to use a computer for a long amount of time, but it allows

more students to have access to the computers overall.

Another option I think Hale should look into is creating a section of e-mail- or printer-only computers, kind of like a "10 items or less" lane in the checkout areas of stores. Currently, there are none.

Kearns said both ideas could be

hard to implement because of enforcement, fairness and the current availability of technology resources, but the library has made the effort to encourage quick use of some of their computers based on where they were placed

they were placed.
"We do have some stand-up computer stations that we hoped would be used for brief periods, but students in need of a computer are willing to stand for long periods of time or to drag over a chair and

work from what appears to be an uncomfortable position," Kearns

So what else can be done? Students can change their mindsets about how they use computers. I do not believe it is that big of a deal to have Facebook open while working on other things. I do it all the time; it's almost like a security blanket. However, if a student only wants to Facebook for social purposes or to waste time between classes — really any recreational use of computers — the library computers are not the correct venue.

Folks, it's all a matter of thinking of others before clicking.

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Legal immigrant workers subject to slavery, abuse



One of the unfortunate things about our democracy is the ability of certain people to influence and control politics more than others. While the "one person, one vote" model is theoretically strong and provides ruling administrations with a much sought after air of legitimacy, in practice it doesn't always mean that the policy that's best for everyone wins out. Part of the problem is unequal ability to run for office or meaningfully contribute to political campaigns, and part of it is misguided apathy.

Regardless, interest groups have a serious motivation to organize and lobby for their interests, because while the benefit of many policies is concentrated, the costs are frequently too spread out to mobilize significant opposition. When these costs also impact populations with the least political power, the result is often laws that paint a pretty picture but cause significant human suffering.

Immigration policy is no exception. The debate on Capitol Hill and local town halls is controlled by two main interests: American businesses and American labor unions. The effect of much immigration policy, however, is the burden of low-skilled migrant workers to bear.

It's a cruel irony that these low-skilled workers are the subject of widespread derision while intensely coveted as cheap labor to power our economy. The result is an unfortunate guest worker visa program called the H-2. The subject of this article is a particular visa, the H-2B, which is granted to temporary, seasonal, non-agricultural workers. The purpose of the program is to provide cheap labor for American businesses, but the effect is a cruel form of functional near-slavery.

The H-2B visa is utilized by U.S. Forest Service officials to implement

the Bush administration's "Healthy Forests Initiative," according to Tom Knudson, two-time recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for his work in environmental investigative journalism, in his 2005 article "Forest workers caught in web of exploitation."

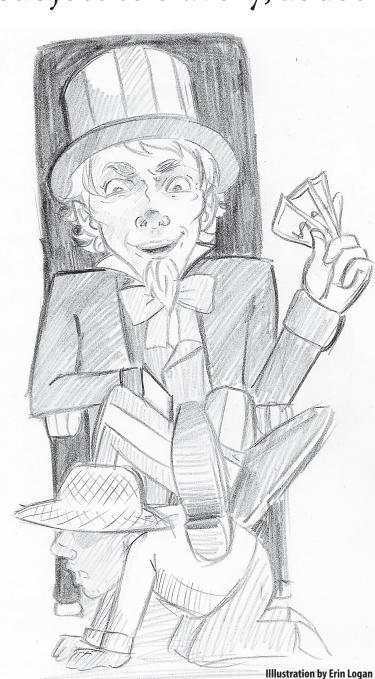
The 10,000 H-2B guest workers that were hired for the program were "gashed by chain saws, bruised by tumbling logs and rocks, verbally abused and forced to live in squalor." Non-federal government H-2B workers are regularly underpaid by employers, despite certification by the Department of Labor. Employers have been found seizing visas, and even car and home deeds, to functionally hold laborers in complete dependence.

These abuses are not limited to reforestation workers, according to Rebecca Smith and Catherine Ruckelshaus in their 2007 article for the New York University Journal of Legislation and Public Policy.

The H-2B visa program is also widely used in the landscaping and hospitality industries. H-2B workers have little legal protection — there is no requirement to provide housing or transportation to and from work, or to give the worker the amount of work promised to them. These workers, who often go into debt just to travel to the U.S., are also not eligible for free federal legal services. As such, their complaints of workplace exploitation go unheeded, as they have no money and no legal recourse.

This lack of legal recourse encourages widespread abuse, according to the Southern Law Policy Center's 2006 report, "Beneath the Pines." Workers have died on the job due to dangerous conditions. They have been forced to sleep outside in the cold. They have not been provided water. They have become covered in herbicide due to faulty chemical dispersant mechanisms. They have worked 60 to 70 hours a week, and they have been paid below minimum

And yet, when it comes to debates about immigration, these low-skilled migrant workers are only blamed. They enter our country through the federal government's visa program, and are treated in ways that we would never allow an American to be treated. These people are human beings.



Perhaps it's time for a cosmic shift in the immigration debate, where we stop trying to punish low-skilled migrants workers further, and start to enforce their basic human rights.

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Cats fail to establish identity

Despite the current two-game losing streak and a 5-3 record, the K-State football squad truly does have some talent and should be considered one of the top-six teams in the Big 12. Senior Daniel Thomas is one of the nation's finest running backs, and he has a supporting cast around him that makes you think we are a title contender. The problem with the team, though, is that it has no identity. Against the Oklahoma State

Cowboys on Saturday, the defensive unit made big plays to keep the team in a very tight game. But the offense struggled as senior quarterback Carson Coffman threw two interceptions and failed to produce a passing touchdown. The previous week against the Baylor Bears, though, it was the defense that failed to show up, allowing 47 points while the offense racked up over 400 total yards and Coffman had a great game.

Nobody knows what the Wildcats will bring to the field on a given day. It could be a game like UCLÁ, Iowa State or Kansas, where the offense shows up to play, and the defense makes the plays necessary to pull out a win. It could be a performance similar to the ones against Nebraska or Baylor, where the squad fails to produce a quality defensive unit.

There are four more games left in the season. Due to the loss to the Cowboys, while it is not mathematically impossible, any hopes at a potential Big 12 North title are virtually dashed. Still, a 5-3 record is respectable for a very young, inconsistent team. With games against the likes of Colorado and North Texas, bowl eligibility six wins in a season — is a near certainty.

I highly doubt, however, that head coach Bill Snyder will be satisfied with six wins, the total he amassed last year in his first effort at rebuilding a program. The final home game is this Saturday against the Texas Longhorns, who have also been inconsistent this year. Expect Snyder to pull out all the stops to end his last home game of the season with a victory.

Then the team travels to play the Missouri Tigers, one of the current Big 12 powerhouses. An upset win over them would surely give some credibility to this Wildcat squad, which has taken some heat from the media as well as fans lately.

Everybody wants it to be 2003 the only year the Wildcats won the Big 12. Unfortunately, that will probably not happen this year. But a prominent bowl game is still very much possible, and with a plethora of young players on the depth chart and with quality recruits on the way, the future is

Snyder now needs to do just one thing - find his team's identity on the field. Only then will the Wildcats be able to win consistently, win big and win often.

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LIGHT IT UP



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The men's basketball team is scheduled to tip off their 2010-2011 season tonight at Bramlage Coliseum against Newman. K-State finished last season with a loss to the Butler Bulldogs in the Elite Eight. This year, the Wildcats received a preseason ranking of No. 3.

Men's basketball season opens against Newman

Tyler Scott

With a host of new faces, the men's basketball team opens its 2010 season tonight when it hosts the Newman Jets in an exhibition game.

The Wildcats possess a preseason ranking of No. 3 in the nation after last season's run to the Elite Eight, where they lost to the Butler Bulldogs.

Newman head coach Mark Potter said this game presents a chance for the Ĵets to play against a solid

"Even if K-State wasn't ranked, this would be a big opportunity for our university's exposure," Potter said. "We are thankful that Frank Martin allowed us to play them."

K-State's additions include transfer players Freddy Asprilla, Juevol Myles and Devon Peterson and the freshman class of Will Spradling, Shane Southwell, Alex Potuzak and Nino Williams.

The Wildcats lost four players due to gradu-ation or transfer last

season. Denis Clemente, Luis Colon, Chris Merriewether and Dominique Sutton are no longer with the team. Clemente averaged 16.6 points per game and helped form one of the best backcourts in the nation with now-senior guard Jacob Pullen. Sutton and Colon were defensive threats, which helped K-State in its run in the NCAA Tournament. After playing three years at K-State, Sutton decided to

transfer to another school to be closer to his family. The team's seniors this season include Pullen and forward Curtis Kelly. Pullen is a Big 12 Conference Player of the Year candidate.

"He (Pullen) is one of the top players in the country," Potter said. "There's no question we will be outmanned, and we recognize that it will be a tremendous challenge to try and slow K-State down."

Newman, a team out of Wichita, comes into this game with seven seniors. Keaton Schultz was the team's leading scorer last season, averaging 14 points per game and three rebounds per game. The team's starting point guard is currently out. Potter said he hopes his

team will be able to cope with a number of different challenges tonight.

"I hope we can deal with the atmosphere in Bram-lage Coliseum," Potter said. "I want my guys to understand that they can play hard and smart. It could be difficult to handle the pressure since we don't have their type of athletes."

Tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Women's golf scores down in tournament's second round

Ashley Dunkak sports editor

With one day of competition remaining in the Alamo Invitational in San Antonio, Texas, the women's golf team is in 12th place after shooting a collective second-round score of 15-over-par 303.

Head coach Kristi Knight said in a press release that Monday went a little better than Sunday.

"I am proud of the girls' effort and spirit," she said. 'We are not making many putts right now, so hopefully more will fall tomorrow."

Four of five K-State athletes improved on their

Sunday scores. By holing two birdies, four bogeys and making par on the remainder of the holes, freshman Gianna Misenhelter shot a 2-over-par 74 and leads the Wildcats. She is currently tied for 27th place.

Junior Paige Osterloo carded a 2-over-par 74 as well, playing the course in four strokes fewer than she did on the first day of competition. Her performance tied her for 43rd.

With seven bogeys and a double-bogey Monday, sophomore Whitney Pyle, who was tied for 10th place after the first round, slipped into a tie for 50th place. She shot

8-over-par 80. Junior Ami Storey came in tied for 61st place after improving her Sunday score by six strokes. She carded a 4-over-par 76 by countering

eight bogeys with four bird-

Coming in tied for 70th place was senior Elise Houtz, who shot a 7-over-par 79 in the second round, a fourstroke improvement on her Sunday score.

The third and final round commences at 8 a.m. today. Live scoring can be followed on golfstat.com.

After first round of tournament, Men's golf team sits in 10th place

The men's golf team had a tough first round at the Pacific Invitational on the links of Brookside Country Club Golf Course. The men currently sit in 10th place with a score of 10-over-par 294.

The University of Pacific leads the field with a 12-underpar 272, five strokes ahead of Oregon State University. Marquette University rounds out the top three after carding a score of 4-under-par 280.

K-State head coach Tim Norris said his team played well early on, but one thing kept it

from continuing its stretch. "We do have some lack of experience," Norris said. "There were some challenging holes coming in and we found the final holes on the course to be

the toughest ones." Senior Jason Schulte, who is competing in his third event of the season, carded an even-par 71 to crack the top 20 and sits in a tie for 19th place. Sophomore Ben Juffer is tied for 30th after firing a score of 2-over-par 73. Freshman Thomas Birdsey and sophomore Curtis Yonke both carded 4-over-par 75, tying them for 41st, and freshman Jack Watson rounded out the team with a score of 5-overpar 76 that put him in a tie for

"Schulte made the trip last year to this course and had one of his best rounds of his career," Norris said. "He's been very comfortable and he's a good competitor. His best attribute is he doesn't try to do too much by hitting shots out of his range."

He said Watson and Birdsey can hopefully recover from this



Curtis Yonke, sophomore, watches his ball soar through the air in the second day of competition during the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate Golf Tournament on Sept. 28.

"A lot of what happened to them were high expectations," Norris said. "I'm confident that they will come out and play tomorrow like they've been playing all semester."

Patrick Kucich of the University of Pacific and Jonnie Motomochi of Oregon State University lead the field with scores of 6-under-par 65. Motomochi helped his team out by scoring a hole in one on the 12th hole. Rick Lamb of Santa Clara University is in third place after firing a 5-under-par

Round two of the Pacific Invitational is scheduled to tee off at 8 a.m. Live scoring can be followed at golfstat.com.

McGruder discusses place on team

Rodney McGruder is a sophomore guard from Washington, D.C. The Collegian sat down with McGruder to talk about the upcoming season.

Q: What made you decide to come to K-State last year?

A: I came out for Midnight Madness a couple years ago and I just loved the support from the fans and how they treated the players.

Q: What kind of cohesiveness have you been able to build with the other players?

A: We're just around each other day in and day out. During the summer, we are the only ones here so we just roll together and form a closer bond.

Q: There are a lot of guards on this team now; where do you see yourself fitting in?

A: I see myself fitting in at the three spot, stepping in and picking up my role and doing what coach needs me to do, whether it be offense or defense.

Q: What do you think head coach Frank Martin pushes you guys to do the most after making a big run in the tournament last year?

A: He just pushes us to work hard. He came in this year and he let it be known early that he was going to push us harder than he did last season. We don't want to settle for less: he wants us to overcome

going to the Elite Eight.



Rodney McGruder, guard, raises his hand high to block a potential pass during the K-State vs. West Illinois game last fall. McGruder returns to the Wildcat lineup this year as a sophomore after playing 33 games his freshman year.

Q: Do you think this is one the best school in the nation to

of the best atmospheres you have been in, being in Bramlage Coliseum and seeing the people around here?

A: I believe it's one of the best atmospheres in college basketball if you ask me. I've been to a lot of places and seen a lot of different universities play. I think this is

Q: Do you have a lot of family members that were involved in basketball?

A: I'm kind of like the only one involved in the sport, but my family members support and care a lot about me. In a family, you have to take care and support each other. Basically it's about me.

Final 'Saw' has blood, gore galore; fails to fully use extra dimension

"Saw 3D" **** review by Patrick Bales

If all you want from a "Saw" movie is the disturbing blood and gore, then by all means, see this movie. In fact, you'll love it, because this one definitely delivers the red stuff we all know and love. People get impaled with sharp metal rods, skin gets ripped off a person's back and jaws get torn from faces, among several other messed up mutilations. This is prob-ably one of the bloodiest "Saw" movies to date, and I think the makers did it that way because they knew they had nothing else to give. The acting is terrible, with the exception of Sean Patrick Flanery; the traps aren't very inventive; and the story line offers nothing original.



It's definitely one of the lamest "Saw" films yet.

The main protagonist this time around is a guy named Bobby Dagen (Flanery) who claims to have survived a Jigsaw trap. He even goes so far as to write a book about it and

host a support group for other Jigsaw survivors. But we soon find out that Bobby has never been in one of Jigsaw's traps. He only claims that for the purposes of fame and money. Because of his dishonesty, Jigsaw posthumously throws him into one of his death games. Bobby soon finds that he must confront his past if he wants to make it out alive. The movie also focuses on Detective Hoffman, who mostly just tries to find Jigsaw's wife, evade police and send cryptic messages to a pair of detectives.

The worst part about the seventh "Saw" film isn't the unoriginal story or the bad acting — that comes with the territory of a "Saw" sequel. The worst was spending \$9 to see a 3-D movie that didn't utilize its 3-D capabilities. A few things poke out from time to time, but for a horror film that relies on splattering blood and sharp objects, "Saw 3D" is definitely lacking in the 3-D department.

It's like the makers only put it in 3-D to get more money. They didn't care to venture out to see what a 3-D "Saw" movie would look like. They just shot it with 3-D cameras because they knew that would bring a bigger return at the box office. Personally, if I'm paying a few extra bucks for a 3-D movie, I better get some quality 3-D visuals. "Saw 3D" completely failed in that department.

The signature twist at the end did answer some questions, but after watching this last one, I think I've figured out what the makers have done over the past few years. Every time they come up with a plot twist, they make sure it serves two purposes. It answers some plot holes from the previous entries, and it also creates more plot holes. Why do the makers have these endings that create more plot holes? So they can come up with an answer for those in later sequels. It's like watching a soap opera where the twist makes sense, but it's so convoluted, you shake your head in disgust because you can tell that the writers came up with it at the last minute. This movie does wrap things up, but by the end, you can definitely see the debris left over from the messy storytelling of years past.

So far, I've been OK with the "Saw" films that have at-tempted to innovate by having a somewhat engaging storyline and a creative array of traps. This one does neither. All it has is the blood. If you've always gone to a "Saw" film for the blood alone, then ignore my 1-star review. You will enjoy this sequel immensely. But if, like me, you expect a little more out of a "Saw" movie, get ready to be disappointed by this finale.

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Big-name game has big-time problems

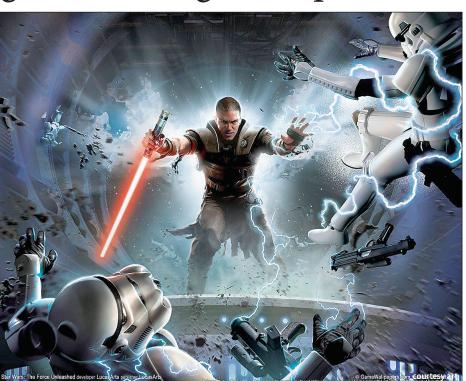
"Star Wars" ** *** review by Jayson Sharp

Released last Tuesday by LucasArts, "Star Wars: The Force Unleashed II" is a game that fell way short of its true potential.

Set a few months after the light-side ending of the first "Force Unleashed" game, the second story starts quickly and never slows down. After the in-depth story of the first game, I expected something similar and was left disappointed. The main character, Starkiller, has only one goal throughout the whole story and, after the complex decisions of the first game, I expected more.

The Force powers are enjoyable, but the advertised combos of powers are tricky to reproduce in combat. There is a delay between saber attack and Force power combo that many enemies, especially melee ones, take advantage of.

Force Grip grabs enemies and lets you throw them wherever you like. Force Lightning stuns and in some cases kills enemies. When you Grip an object and then use Lightning on that object, it turns into a bomb. I used this combo throughout the entire game to get around the issues with melee combat. The other Force powers are only useful in certain situations. Even



when fighting Lord Vader, I utilized this combo by throwing exploding Storm Troopers

Melee combat had several issues. If surrounded, it is possible to be killed by getting continuously knocked down by enemies. Enemy Jedi also had a tendency to parry every attack used against them rather than attack you. So the strategy for killing anything carrying a light

saber was to run up and do the throw attack as fast as possible. Every fight turned into a series of the same mini cutscene of the throw attack.

The game is incredibly short; I worked my way through in a matter of about four hours, and it ends with a cliffhanger for a sequel or perhaps some downloadable content. That's not what a standalone game should do.

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hurling Storm Troopers through the skies, but that

lasted only so long, and after

the ending I felt a profound

sense of disappointment. Rent

this game if you would like to

would not recommend paying

play through the story, but I

full purchase price for this

Emerging artist offers catchy tunes; lyrics shallow, cliche



"Connect" **** review by Tyler Brown

In August, artist Stacy Clark released her first big label album with "Connect the Dots." For those of you unfamiliar with Clark's sound, I don't blame you. She is just starting to make it big, and her biggest exposure has been on MTV. I found this album to be in conflict with itself; does it want to be upbeat with pop or downtrodden in confession?

Let me explain my confusion. I will admit the album offers some interesting song compositions that are damn catchy, but the lyrics left me with one feeling: "meh." Most are about how she'll never be good enough for her lover or vice versa, all of it bringing me

to conclude, "Haven't I heard all of this before?" I'm not sure if it was intentional or not, but one song in particular, "Touch & Go," is so full of cliches I found myself chuckling at the absurdity of the lyrics.

That is not to say the entire album is without merit. I did find some of the pop tunes to be attractive to my ears. There are some interesting things done with a string quartet that wavers in and out in a couple songs. One to note is "All Time Low." Other than that, you'll find this album to be a tad familiar with the pounding of the ivories and harmonizing via echo effects.

Can I see why some people would like this album? Yes, in that it's the usual pop music that permeates the mainstream airwaves. It garners some praise in being slightly interesting, but it simply doesn't try hard enough to stand above the rest. If you're looking for an album to keep you upbeat while cruising around town, this will do the trick. If you're looking for music with deeper, exploratory meaning, this is not the album for you.

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'Splice' stylistically cool, not placed in regular movie genres

'Splice' review by Joshua Madden

"Splice" is a very strange movie. There's no other fair way to describe it because it does not fit into any particular genre. In "Splice," two geneticists (Adrian Brody and Sarah Polley) begin experimenting on hybrid animals — animals created by putting the DNA of many species together in hopes of creating new species to help make medical breakthroughs. They want to add human DNA to the mix and, despite the fact that the corporate heads tell them "No," go for it anyway. The result is Dren (Delphine Chaneac), whom the two

quickly begin to see as their daughter. But not all is as perfect as it seems.

Stylistically, the film is cool. One of the best parts of the film is the random artwork on the walls and the clothing everyone wears. Even though he plays a geneticist, Adrian Brody still makes himself as cool as pos-

Speaking of Adrian Brody, the three main cast members all do a terrific job. The film, though, is over-the-top; I don't want to spoil the ending of the movie, but it's by far the strangest ending to a movie you'll ever see, and the actors could have all played it accordingly. Instead, they play it straight, and the film benefits from that. Brody, in particular, makes a real effort to provide some grounding for the film.

The supporting cast, on the other hand, is somewhat weak. The big problem is they're never given time to develop. Brandon McGibbon, for example, plays Gavin Nicoli, the brother of Brody's character. When he's onscreen, you get the impression we're supposed to care about what he has to say, but ultimately we just don't. That's not really McGibbon's fault; it's more that his character is never allowed to develop beyond a stereotypical brother.

There are very few other things about this movie that could be labeled "stereotypical." There's a lot of sexuality, and not just between people. Some of the experiments involve the



mating of the creatures being created. It's weird, and the results are even stranger. As mentioned before, the ending of this movie is totally ridiculous and also extremely hard to watch. I

should warn anyone considering this movie that they need to do so carefully. Be sure you really want to before you pick up this DVD.

"Splice" is not a movie without its weaknesses. It's a strange movie; sometimes there are jumps in logic, sometimes it's a bit predictable. But at the end of the day, it's worth going to see. It's worth seeing just because it's totally different from anything else you'll ever see. I am giving "Splice" 4 stars out of 5 because it is something you should see, just know that it has some imperfections before spending the money on it.

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Zombie game add-on has new weapons, story

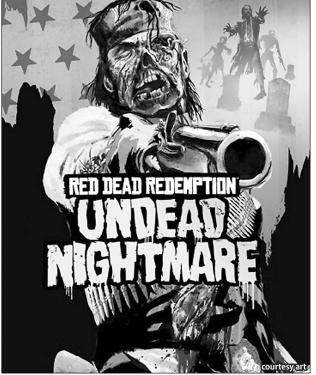
"Undead Nightmare" **** review by Tyler Brown

This past May, when Rockstar released its latest game "Red Dead Redemption," I had incredibly high expectations for the game to meet, and the game delivered. Rockstar, the developer behind the highly successful and controversial "Grand Theft Auto" series, took a step back in time with its latest outing by setting "Red Dead Redemption" in the Old West, circa 1911.

Now, some of you might be Western aficionados and wonder why this game is set so late in the era — this was no accident. By setting this game when the ways of the Old West were dying, the player gets the feeling that the story can easily be shaken up. The game's latest downloadable content, "Undead Nightmare," more than shakes the

If you haven't played "Red Dead Redemption" or are hesitant because of Rockstar's history, I can tell you this game is an entirely new and different kind of monster. Instead of being a foreign upand-comer in the criminal underworld — a la "Grand Theft Auto IV" — you are retired outlaw John Marston, a family man who is trying — and failing — to leave his past behind. You'll spend your time clearing Marston's life of past grievances, getting into trouble with local gangs and riding through the beau-

tifully rendered countryside. Let's move on to what this review is really all about the latest downloadable content for the game, entitled "Undead Nightmare." This



new content appeared in the online marketplace last week and has easily been one of the most popular downloads. With this new add-on, the player gets a new weapon and three new modes, one of which is a newly crafted six-hour story. The weapon you'll receive is the Blunderbuss — think elephant gun — which fires undead parts, vaporizing any zombified citizens in front of you.

One new mode can be used in the online free-roam, in which you try and control territories. The second, more zombie-related mode is akin to "Gears of War's" horde mode; in it, you and three others try and survive waves of the brain-munchers. The final mode I was referring to is the story mode, accessed

by choosing "single-player" on the main menu.

While the story in the original game was one with a serious tone, the tale "Undead Nightmare" tells is one of horror and camp. The player is treated to seeing familiar characters and how they have been dealing with the apparent arrival of hell on earth; many of these moments have some great tongue-in-cheek humor. The over-arching theme of this new content's story has to do with John Marston's search for a cure for his infected family members, but the player can take any number of detours; and let me tell you, when playing through this new story, you'll want to take as many detours

as possible.

The creators revamped

their beautiful vistas with foggy, stormy weather to add to the creep factor; with that, you'll be clearing out graveyards as opposed to gang hideouts and helping clear towns so you can have a place to save your game. Not only will you discover ravenous zombies along your journey, but you'll also find four different zombie varieties. Taking a cue from "Left 4 Dead," there are your usual zombies, big brutish ones that charge, glowing ones that spit acid at you and others that run on all fours at you.

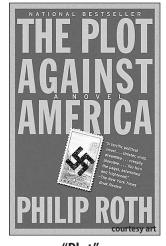
Not enough zombies for you? Well, you'll also notice that the animals in the world have been zombified. You'll face zombie-bears and zombie-cougars, and you can even ride your own undead steed. All of these animals have gruesome new appearances with blood and bones apparent all over their rotting bodies.

As if zombie humans and animals are still not enough, we now have mythical creatures in the land of the Old West. You can find and wrangle the Four Horses of the Apocalypse and a Unicorn. While you're doing that, you can even hunt Sasquatch in Tall Trees and the Chupacabra in Mexico.

Needless to say, "Undead Nightmare" is the most complete experience one could ask for. The new story offers a very self-aware, B-movie take on zombies, while recreating and revamping everything we loved about the original game. Game developers take note; this is how you do worthwhile downloadable

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Alternate history novel explores plausible, fictional turn of events



"Plot" **★★★** ★ ☆ review by Karen Ingram

As a child, I was taught that Charles Lindbergh was an aviation hero. He was a brave man who became the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean in 1927. He was also a man who experienced a terrible tragedy when his infant son was kidnapped and murdered in 1932. I'd never gotten around to learning much about him beyond that. I had no idea what an anti-Semite he was until I came across "The Plot Against America" by chance.

I love alternate history or "what if" stories. There are a bunch of them about what would have happened if the Nazis had won World War II, but Philip Roth came up with a truly frighteningly plausible story in "The Plot Against America." Roth creates an alternate history in which Charles Lindbergh runs for, and successfully becomes, the 33rd President of the United States in 1940. As a result of his election, the United States does not enter World War II and anti-Semitism runs rampant in the Land of the Free.

Overall, I found this book to be very good and enjoyable, albeit disturbing. It it written from the point of view of the author as a child, making it feel more personal, almost more like a memoir than a novel. It's hard to tell what is real and what is fiction in parts, particularly with his and his family's experiences.

My single biggest complaint is that it can be a dry read, in part because it reads like a memoir or historical fiction account. To complicate things, Roth has a terrible habit of using run-on sentences all the time. I would run across a paragraph that took up more than half the page but consisted of only two sentences. I'm not kidding. It interrupted the flow because I would forget what the point of the sentence was and have to re-read it — sometimes twice — to get it. But I don't blame Roth; I

blame his editor.

At any rate, if you enjoy "what ifs" and history, I recommend this book. If run-on sentences drive you mad, think twice before picking it

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Professor studies role of women in elections

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Never mind the political party that takes power come November's elections. The real interest might be with another

political group: women. "Currently 10 female candidates are running for governor on major party tickets. This is a record-tying number," said Brianne Heidbreder, assistant professor of political science.

In her research, Heidbreder examined the policy behavior of U.S. governors.

"What I've noticed is that even though we've had an increase in the number of women elected to chief executive positions, we don't know a lot about their behavior in office, and whether or not gender shapes their behavior as governors," she said.

Most existing literature on female governors is biographical and ignores policy behavior, Heidbreder said. Consequently, she is exploring the importance given to social policies by current and former female gov-ernors through a series of research projects with a colleague at the University of North

'The role of governor has been a steppingstone for other political posts, such as appointment to presidential cabinets," Heidbreder said. "These studies can teach us something about policy initiatives when it comes to decisions being made in the United States."

Heidbreder examined governors' State of the State addresses from 2006 to 2008. These annual speeches give governors a short amount of on-air time to address accomplishments as well as future issues of concern. She also explored whether female governors devote more time in these speeches to certain social issues than their male counterparts.

"In particular, we looked at social welfare policy," Heidbreder said. "Some literature out there suggests that because of socialization processes, women may be more likely to focus on issues pertaining to women and children."

Analyzed data thus far sup-ports this notion, Heidbreder said. She also plans to examine other policies, like education.

Another project involves Heidbreder said. The theory, established in 1982, argues that women and men deal with moral dilemmas differently. Women are likely to approach the dilemma from the contextual standpoint of how it affects the broader community. Men are likely to approach a di-lemma from a justice perspective — right versus wrong, for example.

The researchers examined candidates' policy on health care, social welfare and criminal justice in the State of the Staté addresses.

"We found there actually wasn't a great difference between male and female gov-ernors," Heidbreder said. "Instead, Democratic candidates, both female and male, were more likely to address these social dilemmas from a contextual perspective than Republi-

Heidbreder said this raises more questions than it answers. Due to time constraints for State of the State speeches, Heidbreder said both genders might be addressing these topics on a broad level. To rule out the chance of a fluke, State of the State speeches from a longer period of time will be analyzed.

"Governors are arguably the most prominent political fig-ures in state politics because they typically receive the most media attention. They can speak to both public and political officials, and their ideas are often taken into consideration in the legislative process," Heidbreder said. "Therefore, we'd like to determine if there really are gender differences at this political level."

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